



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: 727-29 Ricketts Court

Address of property: Street 727-29 Ricketts Court

City Baltimore County Baltimore City State Maryland Zip Code 21230

Name of historic district in which property is located Federal Hill Registered Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

This two (2) story masonry structure measures twenty-two (22) feet by sixteen (16) feet. It is characterized by a shed-type roof with protruding stepped parapit walls on either side. The facade is characterized by symmetrically placed wooden-headed and arched windows (arched windows added at a later date). It appears as though that the north (continued)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

The building is one of the few remaining structures representative of the late eighteenth (18th) and early nineteenth (19th) century Architectural style of housing in the Federal Hill Registered Historic District. Primary construction material is (continued)

Date of construction (if known) _____ ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known) _____

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Lawrence M. Garten and Marquart D. Garten c/o Berkley Associates, Inc.

Street 514 North Crain Highway

City Glen Burnie State Maryland Zip Code 21061

Telephone Number (during day) Area Code (301) 768 4100

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature Lawrence M. Garten Marquart D. Garten Date 2/11/82

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district

The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60)

The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6), ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of said district

Signature [Signature]
State Historic Preservation Officer

Date 4-27-82

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954,

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure
☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet

Signature _____ Date _____
Keeper of the National Register

727-729 Ricketts Court

727-729 Ricketts Court, Baltimore, Maryland 21230

(Description of Physical Appearance - continued from page 1)

wall has been altered by the sistering of a masonry wall along with the installation of buttresses (estimate 1960-1965). In addition, there is evidence of brick corbelling on the facade at the soffit line. The interior of the building is in an advanced state of deterioration as it relates to masonry as well as wooden features. It appears as though a new concrete floor has been poured recently, and that the structure had been modified to accomodate interior plumbing facilities. There is also evidence of a recently installed chimney (727 Ricketts Court) and remains of fireplace.

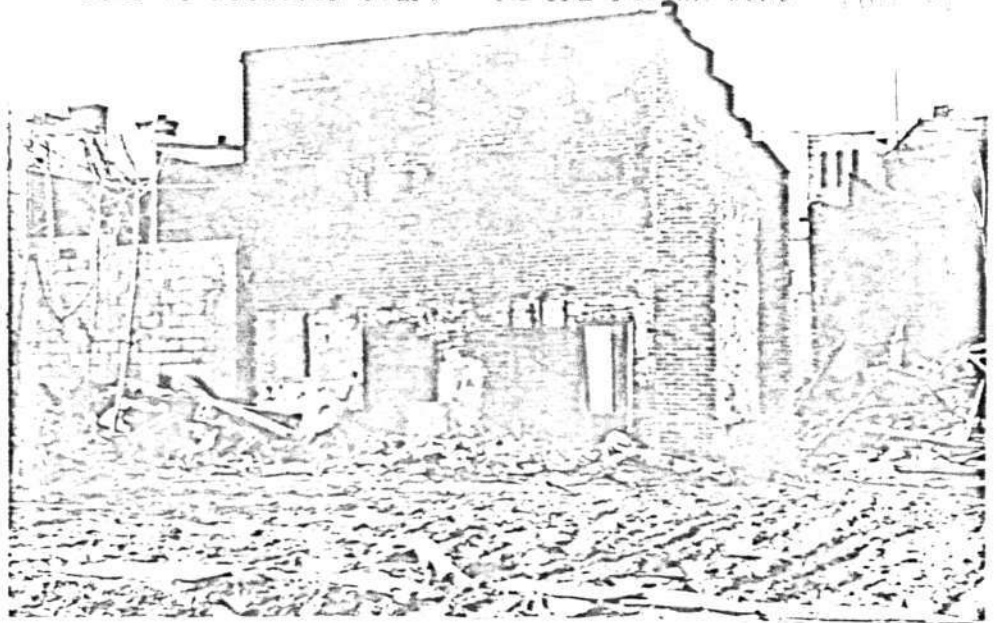
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brick for exterior walls and foundation with remains of three (3) inch by seven (7) inch floor joists and portions of plank flooring and sheathing.

The remaining portions of windows illustrate the extensive use of "Baltimore bull-nose" jamb stock material and wooden sub-sills, all of which is typical for this geographical area as well as time period. In addition, the remains of the mortising for shutter hinges, and hinge stops is clearly visible. There still remains wooden window lentsils on the second floors. This type of masonry support is extremely common in the Federal Hill Registered Historic District. In our opinion, the building is typical of the types of construction and architecture that was present along alley-ways and secondary streets, and further illustrates the marked difference between the more expensive and refined architecture that remains on Light and Montgomery Street.

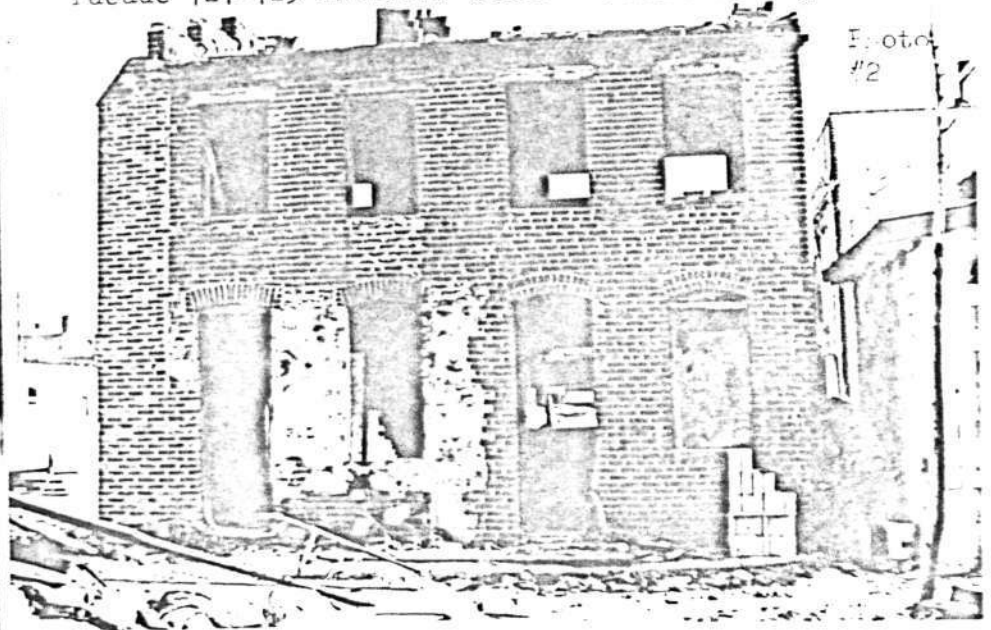
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Rear of Ricketts Court - camera facing west Photo #1



Facade 727-729 Ricketts Court - camera facing east

Photo #2



Left side 727 Ricketts Court
camera facing south

Photo #3



Photo #1

729 Ricketts
camera facing
northwest

Photo #4

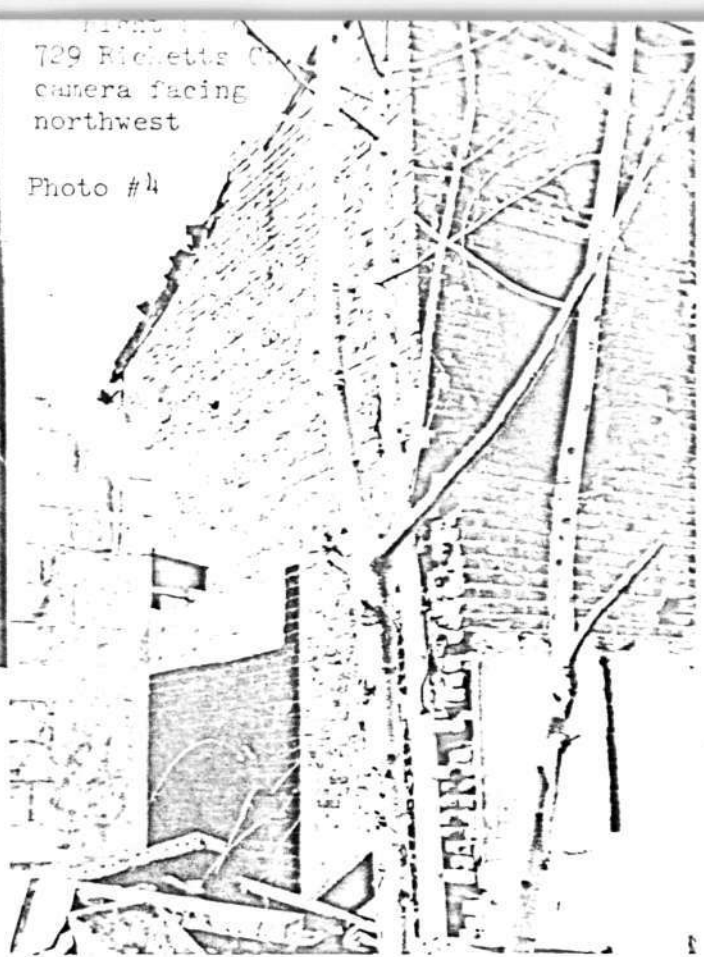
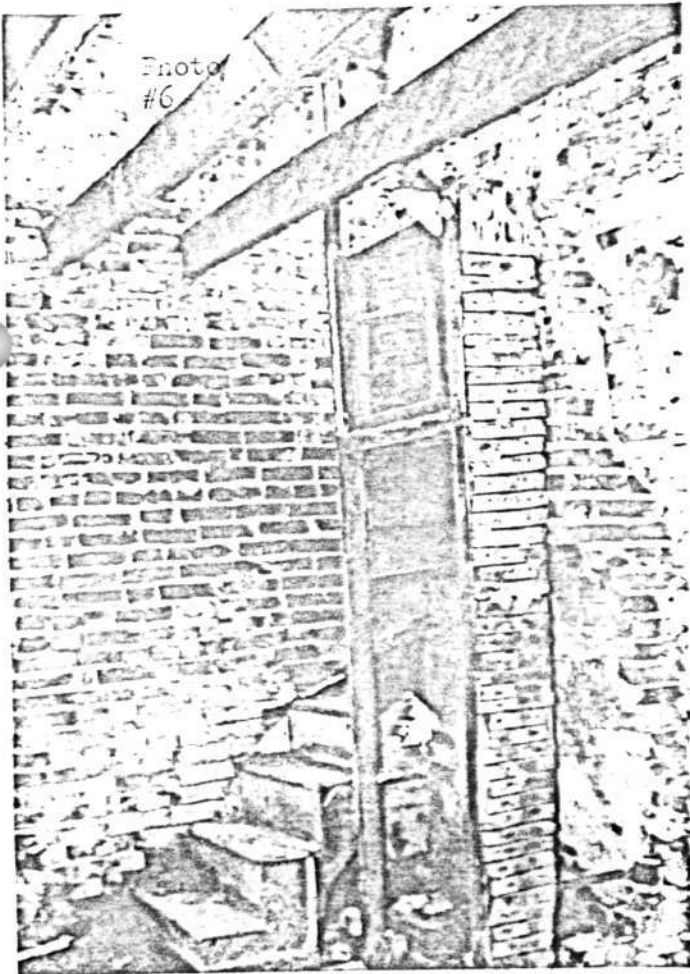


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1845-1850

723-731 S. Charles St./727-729 Rickett's Ct. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

This group of three story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs located along the east side of the 700 block of S. Charles St. was built in the late 1840's by several different local builders. The houses served as combination storefront/residences. 727-729 Rickett's Ct. is located in a courtyard to the east of 731 S. Charles St., with access provided by a narrow alleyway running along the south end wall of 731 S. Charles St. The Rickett's Ct. houses are two stories in height, two bays wide, and with gable roofs. The houses were originally two rooms deep but the entire rear end section of each house is now gone. These small alley houses are the only surviving examples of the many such houses that were built in rear courtyards and alleys running north from Montgomery St. in this block and in the blocks to the north along Hughes St. The two Rickett's Ct. houses have recently been sold by the city to private owners and hopefully will soon be renovated.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

727-729 Ricketts Court

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC

___PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER restoration contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of tiny "half houses," two stories in height with only the front half of the gable roof, were built in the late 1840's by the same developer who built the neighboring rows of houses on Montgomery St.

The houses are two stories in height, 11' wide, and occupy lots 32' deep. Each house is only one room deep but there is evidence that each had a one story high, two bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in common bond. The low-pitched gable roof has a simple brick cornice. No roof chimneys remain but there is evidence that each house had a single chimney along the south side of the roof.

The first floor openings have segmentally arched brick lintels with solid wood tympanums; the second floor windows have flat wood lintels. All of the sills are wood. The window openings are currently empty or boarded. The houses have no basement and the entrance is reached directly from the alley. Each house currently has a paneled Victorian-style door set beneath a single light transom.

The interior of the houses measures 10' wide by 12' deep. The narrow and tight winding stairs are located in the south-east corner of each house and there is evidence that each house had a fireplace in the center of the south wall. A door leads out of the house to the rear. The first floor ceiling height is 8'; the second floor ceiling height is 7 1/2'. The door and window moldings are totally plain but there is vertical wainscoting on the fireplace wall of each house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1848-1851

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel Clayton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of tiny alley houses is important for being representative of the type of housing built for the lowest level of the socio-economic scale in the Federal Hill area. The houses each have only two rooms and were probably rented to poor black families, as were most alley houses of this type. It is particularly interesting that the houses were built by Samuel Clayton as part of his development of this section of Montgomery St.--that he felt the need to build two very small houses in addition to the row of fairly spacious working class houses he built along Montgomery St.

The house are currently being offered for sale by the City to private owners and hopefully will be restored in the near future. Another similar alley house, to the rear of 20 E. Montgomery St. has already been destroyed. These remaining houses stand as an important historical document and it is to be hoped that they will not be lost.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

FILED IN BOOK NO. _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE ALSO NO. _____

REMARKS

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

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STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

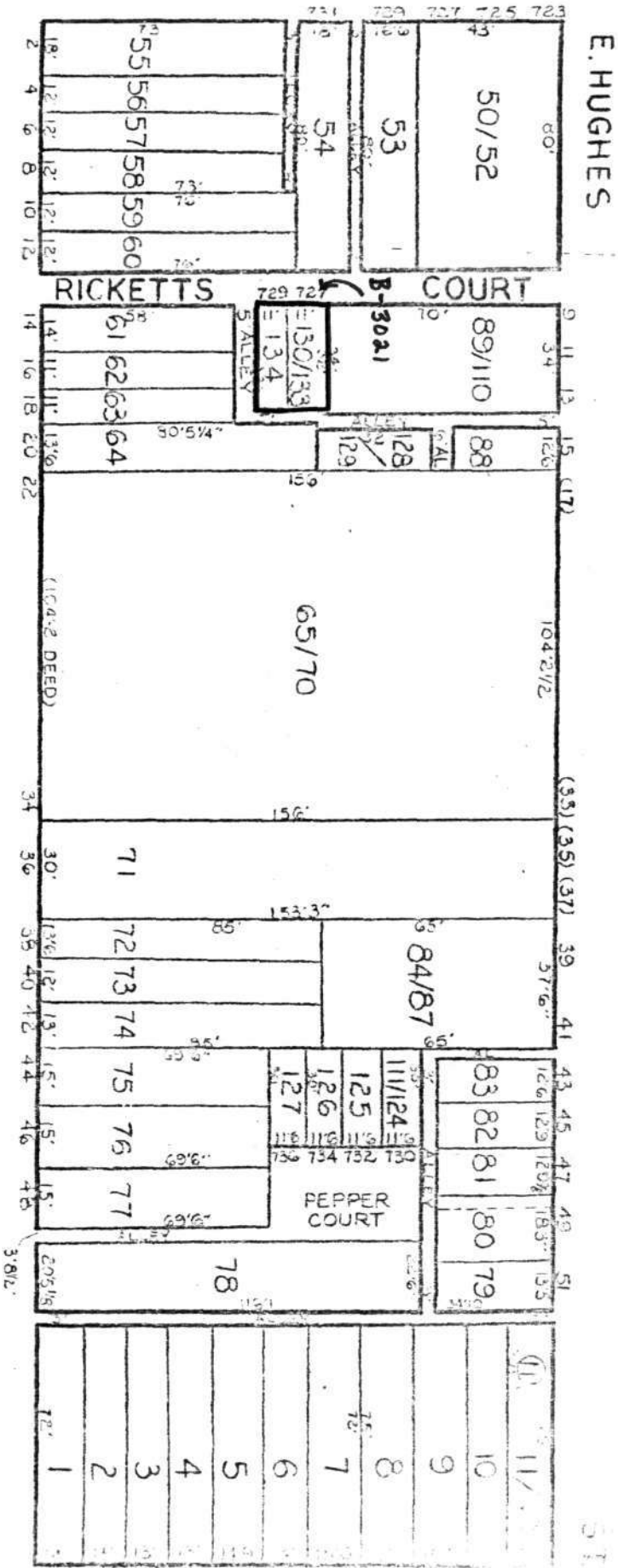
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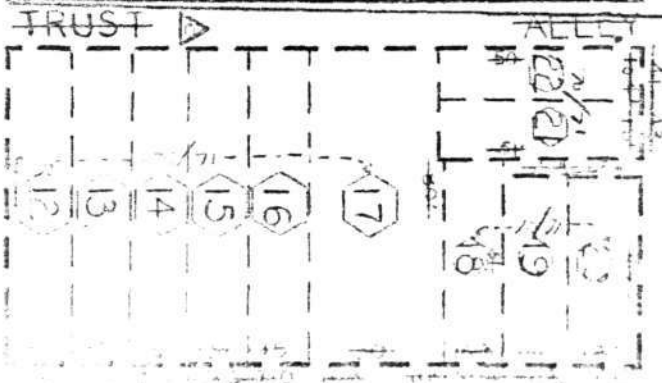
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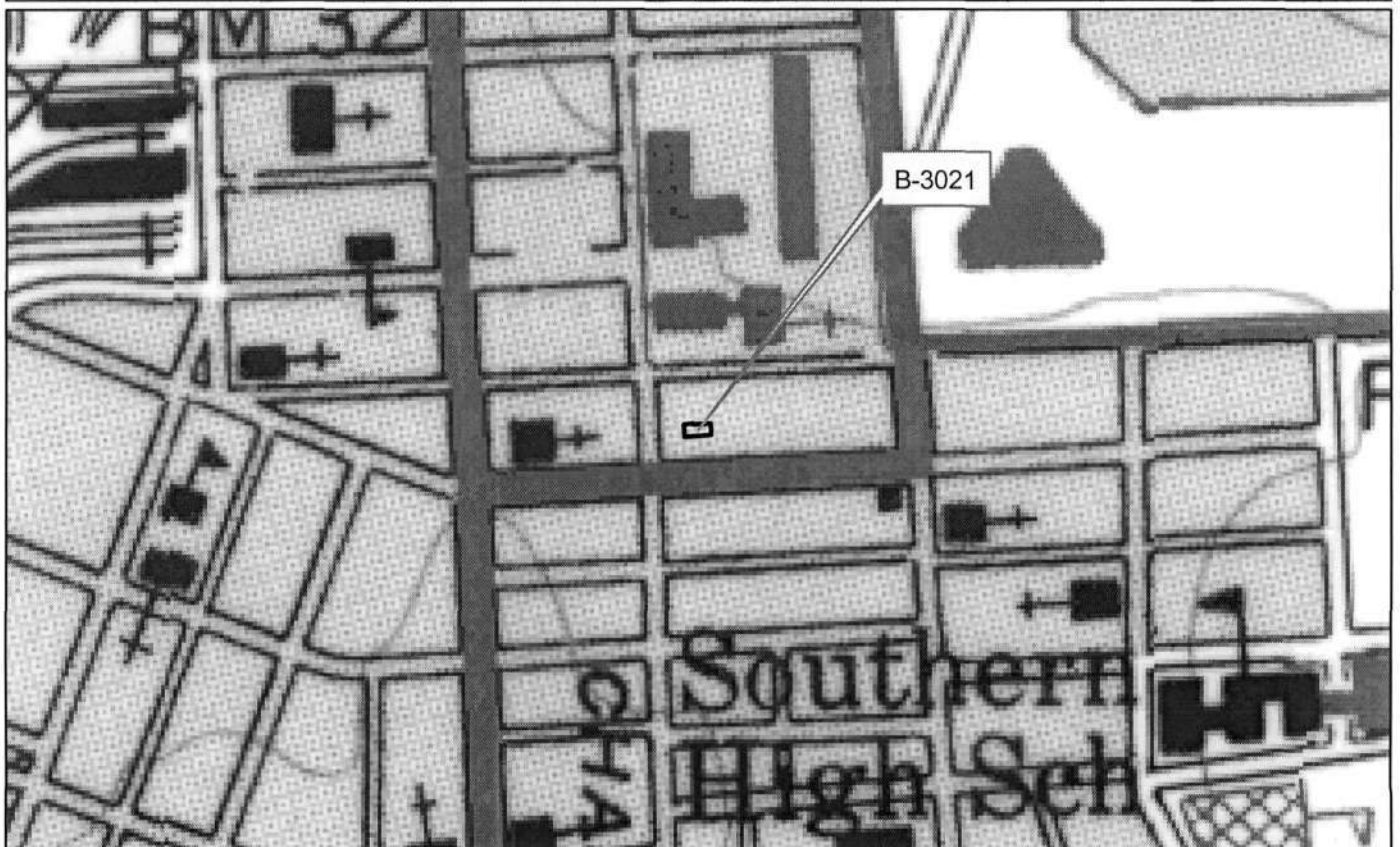
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727-729 Ricketts Court
Block 0896 Lots 035
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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West elevation